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CLAIM AMENDMENTS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - DO NOT ENTER

12. (Currently Amended) A method for routing a telephone call over a voice and data network, the method comprising:

receiving a call from a remote communication device at a telecommunications gateway (TCG), wherein the call is directed to a called telephone number associated with the TCG and with a telephone physically coupled to the TCG;

determining whether the call is to be redirected as a voice and data network (VDN) call, wherein the determination is made based on whether a caller is authorized to use the VDN;

when the caller is authorized to use the VDN, ~~redirecting the call is to be redirected~~ as a VDN call, converting the call at the TCG into a format compatible with the VDN and connecting the converted call to a destination device via the VDN; and
when the caller is not authorized to use the VDN, ~~call is not authorized to be redirected as a VDN call~~, allowing the call to proceed by connecting the call to the telephone physically connected to the TCG.

35. (Currently Amended) A device comprising:

a processor; and

memory accessible to the processor, the memory comprising:

instructions executable by the processor to receive an incoming call directed to a telephone number associated with a location of the device;

instructions executable by the processor to determine whether the incoming call is a call to a remote destination device;

instructions executable by the processor to determine whether a caller is authorized to use a voice and data network (VDN);

instructions executable by the processor to allow the call to proceed by connecting ~~connect~~ the call to a telephone physically connected to the device when the caller is not authorized to use the VDN; ~~incoming call is not authorized to be sent to the remote destination device;~~ and

instructions executable by the processor to convert the incoming call to a format compatible with a voice and data network (VDN) and to send the converted incoming call to the remote destination device via the VDN when the caller is authorized to use the VDN ~~incoming call is a call to the remote destination device.~~